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Cyprus: [Turkish Cypriots appear to be establishing a separate de facto administration in their sector of Nicosia.]

[On 5 January they organized a "Security Directorate" to include all Turkish policemen who were formerly members of the integrated Cypriot police force. They have also set up a radio transmitter, have issued ration cards, have established curfews, and have reportedly established a separate postal service.]

[Leaders of the large Communist Party, AKEL, which has only Greek Cypriot members, are attempting to capitalize on the recent violence to reduce the deep-seated distrust of their party among right-wing Greek Cypriot leaders. AKEL has strongly supported President Makarios' attempts to alter the constitution and abrogate the treaties with the guarantor states. They offered to join with the nationalists in the fight against the Turks during the height of the intercommunal violence.]

[AKEL has also sought to publicize Moscow's 31 December offer to support the Greek Cypriot cause before the United Nations and is probably responsible for a spate of rumors that the US is following a pro-Turkish policy.]

[The Greek, Turkish, and British foreign ministers have agreed to meet in London on 13 January. A broader conference to include representatives of the two Cypriot communities will convene on the 15th or 16th. The British hope to avoid having a detailed agenda so as to forestall immediate procedural disputes.]

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France-Cambodia: The military aid France has promised Cambodia consists of reconditioned and obsolescent equipment.

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman has verified Sihanouk's 6 January announcement that Armed Forces Minister Messmer offered Cambodia AMX-13 tanks armed with 75-mm. guns, 100 trucks, and 18 aircraft. 25X1

The AMX-13 light tank has not been produced for French use since 1955, but is still being widely sold abroad. The aircraft, said to be 12 trainers and 6 transports, are prop-driven models now being phased out of French tactical units. The trucks, all rebuilt, are to be supplied from surplus stocks.

There is as yet no firm indication of the amount of technical and economic aid to be included in the French package. French officials, however, have repeatedly said that it will be modest.

Meanwhile, Paris has again asserted that France must provide aid and must continue to support Sihanouk's call for an international conference to establish Cambodia's neutrality. A Foreign Ministry spokesman intimated that France would attend such a conference even if the US did not participate. 25X1

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Mexico-USSR: [President Lopez Mateos may visit the USSR before his term expires at the end of the year,]

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[Such a trip probably would appeal to Lopez Mateos for several reasons. It would serve to balance his forthcoming visit to the US--his second as President. In addition, he may feel that it will improve his international stature and enhance his prospects of keeping in the political limelight after he leaves office.]

[Lopez Mateos might also hope to increase Mexico's negligible trade with the USSR. Such a move would be in line with a number of steps taken by his administration to increase exports to the bloc. Last year, new trade agreements were concluded with Poland and Yugoslavia and much of Mexico's surplus wheat and cotton surplus was sold to Communist China.]

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NOTES

25X1 [REDACTED] West Indies: [REDACTED] Prime Ministers Williams of Trinidad and Bustamante of Jamaica will try to induce Cheddi Jagan to abandon his pro-Communist orientation at the West Indies "summit meeting" in Kingston next week. They are thinking of threatening to exclude British Guiana from a West Indian economic association, which Williams intends to propose at the conference. Williams has recently offered help to opposition efforts to unseat Jagan. [REDACTED]

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